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## Junior Highs To Open Next Week

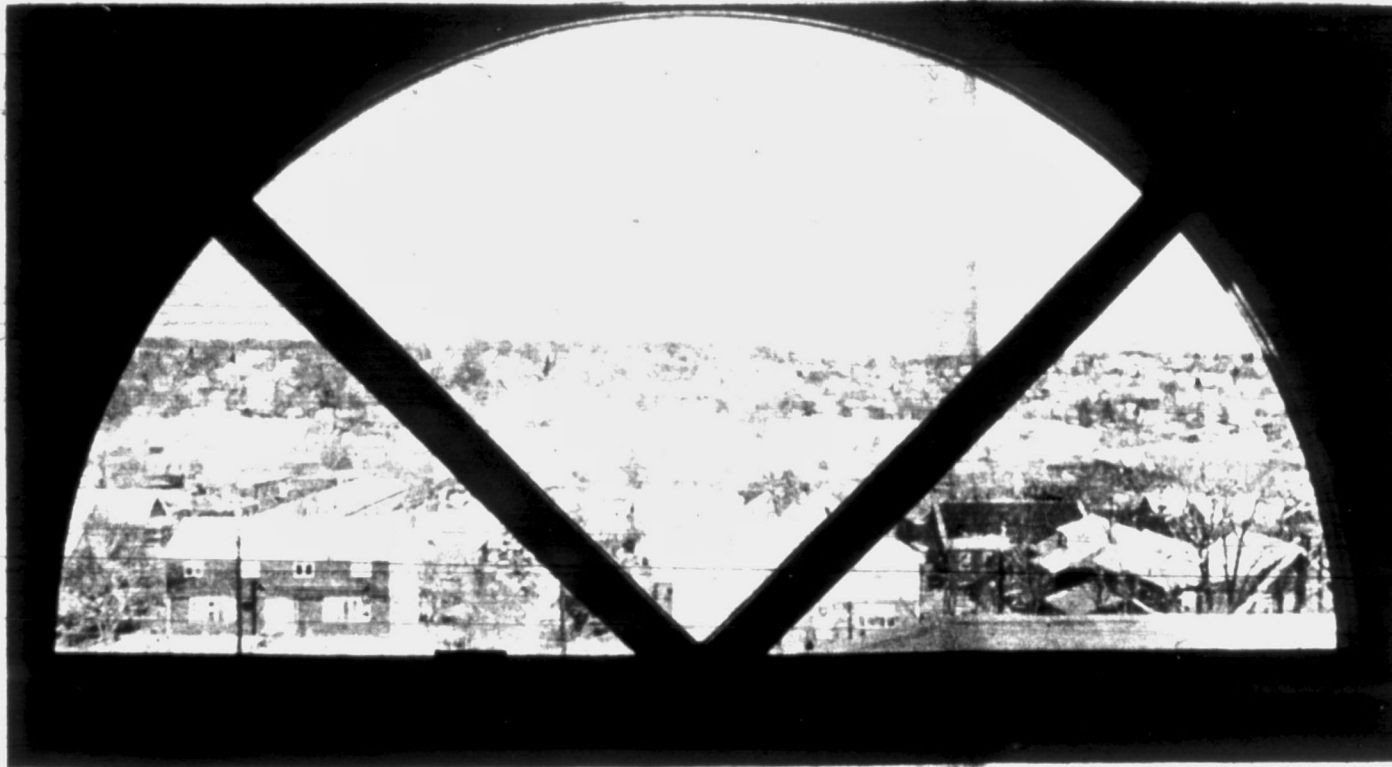
Ottoson and Junior High East will reopen for teachers on Jan. 6. Eighth graders will receive half a day of orientation on Jan. 8, followed by half a day for seventh graders on Jan. 9. The Junior Highs will resume a full-day schedule on Jan. 10.

Construction work on the new additions at both schools will continue during non-school hours, according to Richard McKay, assistant superintendent of schools for secondary education.

At East, work will continue on the cafeteria, administrative offices, and art and music rooms until the end of January. The daily schedule at East will be from 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

The addition at Ottoson should be completed by the end of February. Until then, eighth graders will attend school from 8 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. and seventh graders will attend from 10:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Students will only use the renovated old building until the school is completed.

A Class A cold lunch will be served in the homerooms of both schools until cafeteria facilities are completed.



West View

From the art room of the new Ottoson Junior High, students will look down upon most of the town of Arlington.

(Staff Photo by Wendy Maeda)

## Officer Group Asks The Court To Stop Police Dept Change

A Superior Court judge last Friday denied a petition for an injunction to prevent Town Manager Donald Marquis from expending town money for the new Department of Community Safety and to restrain him from appointing Lt. John F. Carroll as Assistant Director for Police Services.

Lt. Carroll will assume his new duties on Jan. 1 as will Deputy Chief Irving Proctor who will become Assistant Director for Fire Services. The new Department of Community Safety was established on Dec. 18 upon retirement of Police Chief Fred Lucarelli and Fire Chief Robert Blomquist was named Director.

Judge Edward H. Bennett, Jr. turned down the request for the preliminary injunction brought by 19 members of the Arlington Police Superior Officers' Association and set Monday, Jan. 6 for a full hearing on the matter in Middlesex Superior Court.

Town Manager Marquis said Monday morning that he had not yet officially been notified of the suit but that he felt the reorganization of the police, fire and inspection departments into the Department of Community Safety was "proper and legal and well within range of the town manager's authority under the Arlington Town Manager Act."

The Manager pointed out that the establishment of the Safety Department was

the most recent step in the total reorganization of town departments started six years ago to improve efficiency and reduce costs. He said his action was taken under Section 15(b) of the Manager Act—a special state law which serves as Arlington's charter—which says "The town manager may reorganize, consolidate or abolish departments, commissions, boards or offices under his direction and supervision, in whole or in part, may establish such new departments, commissions, boards and offices as he deems necessary and make appointments to such boards, subject to the approval of the board of selectmen."

The request for an injunction filed by attorneys for the police officers failed to mention the Town Manager Act. It asked the court base its action on a variety of other sections of the General Laws. Marquis said that it was his understanding from Town Counsel Joseph Purcell that the Town Manager Act superseded conflicting General Laws in most instances. He reiterated, however, that he had not yet received the injunction petition, nor had it been reviewed by counsel.

In response to an inquiry from Town Accountant Carmen Fortano, Counsel Purcell last week issued a ruling interpreting Section 15(b) and Section 15(c) and certifying the Manager's authority to expend funds for the new department.

In their complaint to the court, the police officers allege that the rules and regulations of the Arlington Police Department were violated in that they provide that the senior officer will take charge in absence of the police chief. The town manager noted that the rules themselves are promulgated and approved by the town manager and subject to change by the manager. As they pertain to the Police Department they are out of date in that the former "Police Department" is no longer an independent department but has been legally reorganized into the Police Services Division of the Department of Community Safety.

Also itemized in the complaint is the allegation that Captain Walter H. O'Leary and Lt. James A. Doherty were certified eligible candidates for the office of Police Chief and that they have been aggrieved under the Civil Service provisions by the establishment of the new department. (Lt. Carroll, who was appointed to head the police service, also was a candidate for Chief.)

Additionally the complaint charges that "the question of the establishment of a Commissioner to replace the Police Chief was defeated at a town meeting two years ago." Responding directly to that the Manager said "That statement is completely untrue. The only question ever before town meeting was whether or not to remove the police and fire chief classifications from Civil Service when we were recommending a nationwide search be conducted for a new police chief similar to the effort made to select a new School Superintendent." The Manager went on to say that no proposal for a "commissioner" was ever put to town meeting.

The officers are represented by attorneys Thomas F. August and John S. Miele of Cambridge. Those who signed the complaint against the Manager are Captains Walter H. O'Leary, Henry E. Bradley, and Lawrence B. Flynn. Lieutenants Harold J. O'Leary, James A. Doherty, Francis A. Cook, Arthur G. Guarente, Robert L. Ouellette, Harry R. Ryerson, Gerald J. Connors and Donald M. Flynn.

Also, Sergeants George J. Morgan, Robert G. Learnard, Thomas A. O'Neill, John J. Buckley, Bernard L. O'Quinn, Cornelius Duggan, Frederick J. Cameron, and Joseph A. Roper.

## New Ottoson Junior High Is Designed For Kids

Henry Ottoson, principal of Junior High West for 30 years, had a dream.

"This was the first building I visited when I came to Arlington," says Richard McKay, assistant superintendent of schools for secondary education. "Henry Ottoson said to me, 'I need help over here,' and he was right. This building was in rough shape."

Ottoson didn't live to see the building he dreamed of, but thousands of children will benefit from the innovative and modernized structure which now bears his name.

The old Junior High West crammed less than 600 students into its doors. The new Ottoson, operating at 85 percent utilization, will accommodate 1100 students.

The first floor of the old building has been extensively renovated, while the second and third floors have undergone less drastic repair.

The heart of the new Ottoson, though, will be a new wing, which includes the cafeteria, new gym, administrative offices, learning resource center, flexible learning space and music and art rooms.

The building was designed by John Davies and Washington Taylor of the architectural firm of Davies, Wolf, and Bibbins. It was constructed at a cost of \$3.6 million.

Davies and Taylor made full use of the Arlington Heights location of the Ottoson. Massive lexan windows look down upon the entire town and the view stretches clear to Boston Harbor.

The art room is divided between two levels. The large lower level will be the scene of most classwork, but the smaller upper level will probably provide greater inspiration for the young artists.

The upper level is designed as a studio. It is dominated by a sky-light which gives every student in the room a commanding view of the town in which they live.

The learning resource center provides 6,800 square feet of space for library books and other instructional materials.

The mezzanine of the learning resource center is designed for remedial reading and classes for children with learning disabilities.

The learning resource center feeds directly into four flexible space areas. Each will accommodate a cluster of four teachers and 110 to 115 students.

Teachers in the flexible space clusters will

make their own classroom space with free form furniture. The rooms could be used for a lecture to every student in the cluster, or conceivably be divided up into cubicles of person-to-person tutoring.

In comparison to the learning resource center, the administrative offices are very small, and small for a purpose. "We want our principal out of his office and in the school," says McKay. The principal's windowless office is little more than a modified broom closet.

The cafeteria will not only help feed 1100 young people, but can be quickly converted into classroom space. The gym has undergone massive expansion from two teaching stations to five.

With the new facility, students will be able to take gym five days a week, rather than two. Many lockers in the boys locker room have been reserved for community use.

A reclaimed playground next to the school will supplement the new gym and the conservation area in back of the school will be extensively used for nature studies and other scientific studies.

The first floor of the old building has taken on a completely new look. The old cafeteria is now a large industrial arts area. The industrial arts program at Ottoson has been designed to mesh with the high school program and with the Minuteman School.

Classrooms next to the old cafeteria have been converted into a home economics area and the old gym has been refurbished for further use as an auditorium and gym.

The second and third floors of the old building have traditional classroom spaces. Four clusters using more traditional teaching methods will be located here.

On the second floor, though, a wall between two classrooms has been taken down and a portable divider has replaced it. This will allow a teacher to use both the traditional classroom and the flexible space methods.

The old building is dotted with small rooms not large for classes. These rooms will be used for tutoring, counselling, teacher work rooms, mini-courses, and special education rooms.

They will serve as "support rooms" for each cluster, providing guidance offices and areas for children who have special needs.

The building is color coded, with each

cluster having its own color. "We also hope that each cluster will develop a distinctive name," says McKay.

Large windows now replace dark brick

walls. Bright colors dress what were uniform walls inside. McKay hopes the renovation will breathe new life into the school. "This school was designed with kids in mind," he says.

## New Programs

## Flexibility Key At Junior High East

"What we wanted to do is bring the school back to life and make it part of the community," says Richard McKay, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for secondary education.

He was speaking of Junior High East which has just undergone a \$2,000,000 face lift. The brightly painted walls and the light pouring through the many windows reflect the life and the spirit of re-birth at East.

The heart of the school is the media center located in the old auditorium. "We remodelled the whole area, but we tried to keep the flavor of the room," says McKay.

The media center is divided into levels, the upper level for media materials, and the lower level for language arts. The center is wired for headsets.

The old library, in comparison, had only 650 square feet of floor space. "That was totally inadequate," comments McKay. The building is so totally different, two days will be needed for student orientation.

The old building was overcrowded with 436 students, while the new East will accommodate over 450 students comfortably. The old-fashioned classrooms have come down, and have been replaced by a combination of classrooms and flexible learning areas.

The gym has been expanded towards Tufts st. On the Foster st. side, a multi-use cafeteria has been added, along with art rooms, administrative offices, teacher preparation rooms, and a new main lobby.

The new East is designed for a new program, the cluster program. The school will accommodate four clusters of 100 students each and a half cluster of 50-60 students.

The cluster idea has been a way of life at

East for two years. Students spend four or five periods each day with their cluster group and their own teachers in English, math, social studies, and science.

"Clusters create a feeling of activity and belonging," says McKay. Parents and students will choose from two types of cluster programs.

On the first floor, there are standard classrooms. On the second floor, there are standard classrooms. On the second floor, there are flexibly developed areas for a more wide-open program.

The flexible areas feature bookshelves and other furniture designed to take the place of walls and corridors. The ceilings and floors are sound-proofed and the rooms will be scheduled to avoid a noise problem.

With flexible walls created by book shelves, class sizes can vary from a lecture with scores of students, to a tutorial with only one student.

Space isn't the only flexible part of the cluster program; the scheduling is also different. In addition to four or five periods with the cluster, each student will spend two or three in music, art, gym, industrial arts, or home economics.

"This school will have one of the finest humanities programs anywhere," says McKay. A music suite with separate practice rooms has been built. The art rooms feature the sunlight which is almost a trademark of the building.

The gym has been expanded with an extra classroom added underneath. The new industrial arts program will feature training in graphic arts, metal shop, woodworking, and some power shop and foundry work.

Students will spend a minimum of two

periods per week in shop and will be exposed to a variety of trades, to allow them to make a more intelligent career choice.

For the first time, advance level shop courses will be offered for students who want to take a second year of a trade. All trade offerings will now be opened for seventh graders.

Volunteers from the community will be encouraged to come and teach the students in their chosen field. McKay hopes the outside participation will bring more life into the program.

New home economics facilities will match the industrial arts area across the hall. The school will actively encourage girls to take industrial arts and boys to study home economics. The graphic arts teacher at East, for instance, is a woman, one of the few in the field.

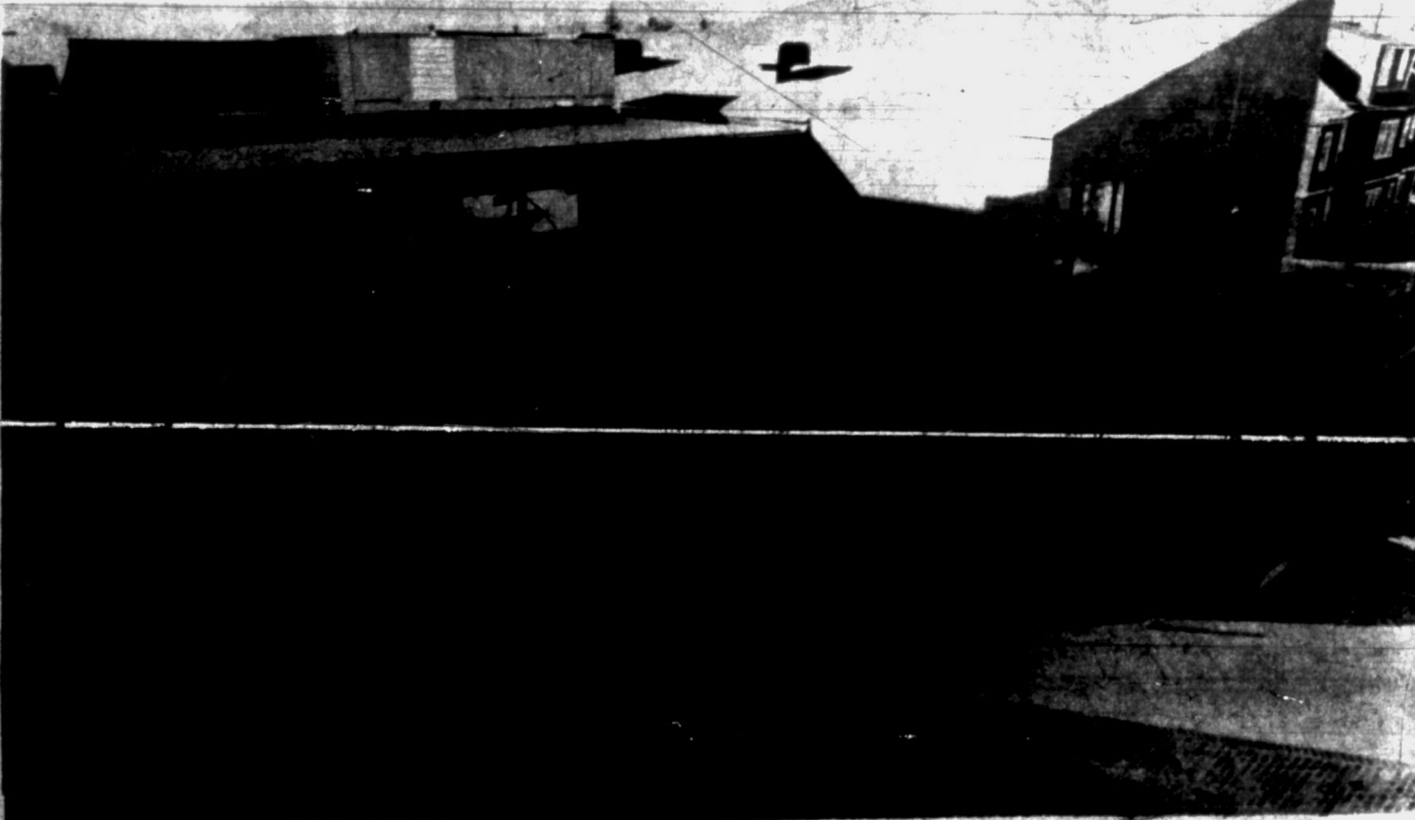
Mini-courses will be offered to students. A math teacher may apply classwork to cooking by switching to home economics. A history teacher could teach a course in art and its historical meaning. "We're trying to break down the rigid stereotypes," says McKay.

Students will spend time outside the cluster in "unscheduled time," which is very different from the old study period.

During unscheduled time, a student can go to the media center, study, or spend extra time in industrial arts, gym, art, or music rooms, depending on availability.

Each student will use the media center approximately 10-15 percent of the week. The center will serve students on independent study projects and will farm out materials

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New East

The new Junior High East, and her sister school, the Ottoson, will reopen the week of Jan. 6 after a complete renovation. (by Wendy Maeda)



High Haith

High Haith road in Arlington Heights presented a picture card setting during snowstorm Christmas day. Five inches of snow fell in the area. (Staff Photo by Larry Barton)





Pastor

Pastor of the sick, Father Paul Mc Donald has been assigned by Cardinal Medeiros to be chaplain to Roman Catholic patients at Symmes Hospital as well as some of the local nursery homes. Father McDonald is shown here in conversation with Kimberly Ann Mulvihill of Arlington who was recently released after lengthy hospitalization following an auto accident.

### Woodcarving Offered At Old Schwamb Mill

Registrations are now being accepted for a second section of the ten week course in decorative woodcarving that will be offered at the Old Schwamb Mill on Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 16.

The woodcarving course, taught by Richard S. Lee, was introduced to the Old Schwamb Mill schedule this fall and was completely enrolled weeks before the beginning of the fall term. Limited to ten students in each section, the woodcarving course offers individualized instruction in the techniques of experimental and decorative 3-D and panel relief woodcarving, basic inlay and finishing techniques, and wood sculpture.

A few openings also remain in other craft courses including woodworking with hand tools, woodworking with antique style tools, afternoon and evening sections of stained glass and intermediate pottery, and daytime

classes in textile design, crewel, needlepoint and patchwork quilting. To augment the winter schedule, professional artists Barry Feiler, Joseph Connolly, Joseph Hodnick, Marlene Oliver, and Sara Sue Pennell will be giving fine arts courses in drawing, portraiture, oil painting, and life drawing.

For children, openings remain in stained glass craft on Thursdays and drawing on Fridays. Young people, 13 years and up, may also join adult classes in stained glass, textile design, intermediate pottery, and oil painting.

The old Schwamb Mill arts and craft education program is supported by the Mass. Council on the Arts and Humanities. For information about classes and in-person registration, the Mill, located at 17 Mill Lane, is open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

### Nine Candidates For Major Office

Joan C. Gross, 4 Wollaston Ave., became the third candidate to take out papers for the office of Town Clerk since the announcement by present Clerk Mary Farrington that she would not be a candidate for re-election at the March 1 election.

Christine M. Callahan, 15 Everett St., and Joseph F. Mulherin, 58 Webcowet Rd., had taken out papers for the Town Clerk position earlier.

Harry P. McCabe, 92 Madison Ave., and Robert B. Walsh, 101 Dow Ave., have taken out papers for Selectmen. James J. Burke, 41 Alton St., Ann Klein, 196 Crosby St., and Charles H. Lyons, 11 Park Ave., extension have taken out papers for School Committee.

John B. Byrne, 84 Irving St., has taken out papers for Assessor, while John J. Bilafer, 15 Victoria Rd., has taken out papers for Treasurer.

### Medex, Medicare Coverage Changes

The Arlington Council on Aging reminds seniors that a number of significant changes are occurring this month on the cost and coverage of Medicare and Medex.

Effective January 1, 1975, the Part A Medicare deductible for hospitalization costs will rise from \$84 to \$92. Part B deductible will remain the same, as will the cost, \$6.70 per month for Part B.

There are other changes in Medicare Part

A coverage also effective January 1, 1975. When a Medicare beneficiary has a hospital stay of more than 60 days, he will pay \$23 a day for the 61st through 90th day, up from \$21 a day.

Post Hospital care of over 20 days in a skilled nursing facility will cost \$11.50 daily for the 21st through the 100th day. Present costs are \$10.50 per day.

If the beneficiary uses his "lifetime reserve" days, the extra 60 days a beneficiary can use when he needs more than 90 days of hospital care in the same benefit period, he will pay \$46 for each reserve day, instead of the present \$42 per day.

Finally, the cost of co-insurance through the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Medex Supplementary Insurance is also rising. Medex I will now cost \$21.40 per quarter. Medex II will now cost \$28.50 per quarter. Medex III will now cost \$33.90 per quarter.

### Vandalism High Over The Holidays

Vandals were out in force in Arlington during the period before and after the Christmas holidays.

On Dec. 20 there was damage to a fence and to Christmas lights at 102 Newport St. while on the same day seats and door panels were cut in a car in the rear of Arlington High School.

Also on Dec. 20 windows were broken at 37 Lewis Ave. and Christmas tree lights stolen in the Claremont Ave. area.

There was a window broken at Brattle St. on Dec. 21, while glass was broken in a storm door at 27 Mystic St. the same day. Christmas

lights, a 100 in number were stolen from 17 Devereaux St.

There was damage to a post light at 29 Beacon St., Dec. 22, and a front porch at 16 Dartmouth St. the same day.

Also on Dec. 22 Christmas lights were taken from 75 Tufts St. and a window broken at the Brackett School.

Glass was broken Dec. 22 in the rear door

at 19 Hancock St., while on Dec. 23 Christmas decorations were taken from 49 Aerial St., and decorations were damaged at 22 Pierce St.

There was damage to a clothes pole at 230 Broadway, Dec. 23, while lights were taken from 15 Varnum St. and 185 Seltuate St., Dec. 24.

On Christmas day a window was broken at 7A Medford St.

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### Sue Bugden In Dinner Theatre

Sue Bugden of Arlington will be appearing in "Lovers and Other Strangers" at the 88 Dinner Theatre in Nashua, N.H.

This comedy about the battle between men and women will be presented each Saturday and Sunday evening from Jan. 10 through Feb. 2.

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## Plants, Signs

## Citizen Group Working To Beautify Arlington

Flower boxes, an anti-litter campaign and welcome signs are some of the projects being planned by the Arlington Beautification Committee for the new year.

The committee, established by the Selectmen in July, is composed of volunteer residents who represent town civic groups. Their charge is to develop a series of programs relating to beautification for the Bicentennial and the years to come.

According to chairman Larry Barton the committee is working on details of several programs now.

They hope to install flower boxes at 14 historical markers and sites in town most of which have no gardens or floral arrangements near them.

Funding for this project will have to come from contributions and organizations.

April 19, 1975, will be declared "Johnny Horizon Day" by the Arlington Board of Selectmen. On that day over 3,000 litterbags will be distributed at youth ecology rallies planned for the Town Hall and other sites in town.

Youths who attend the rallies will receive bags, Johnny Horizon membership cards and bike decals.

The committee is working with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Works to have Johnny Horizon barrels put up around town for litter.

The Johnny Horizon program is funded by the U.S. Department of Interior at no cost to the town.

At least eight "Welcome to Arlington" signs are being planned by the committee for entrance ways into Arlington. Each sign will

focus on an historic aspect of Arlington, such as Uncle Sam, Old Schwamb Mill and Jason Russell. At least one of the signs will have the town seal affixed to it.

Financing for the signs will come from local fraternal organizations. No signs will carry advertising or the name of the sponsoring group since the committee feels this would take away from the beauty and purpose of the welcoming signs. DPW director Ray Ouellette is helping plan this project.

A youth coordinator from each high school is working on Beautification Committee Earth Days to be held during next summer and fall. On these days young people will be encouraged to participate in clean-ups at local parks and recreation areas.

In addition, the youth coordinators will tour the elementary schools this spring to talk about beautification of the town and the Johnny Horizon program.

In its recent report to the selectmen, the Beautification Committee noted the deteriorating condition of many of Arlington's markers, some of which are sprayed with graffiti.

Members of the Beautification Committee are:

Larry Barton, chairman, William Morse, vice chairman, Jewell Jorgenson, vice chairman, and Janet Prince, Mary Doyle, V. Robert Gagosian, Joan C. Gross, Alison Buuck, Robert Norberg.

Also, Mary Sullivan, Kevin Moroney, Raymond Ouellette, Mike Sullivan and Mike Wright.

Further appointments will be made soon of representatives from the DAV, VFW and American Legion.

## Sr. Citizen Calendar

## Legal Aid

The Council on Aging announces the services of a lawyer who will provide free legal consultation to elders in Arlington.

John Robinson, an attorney hired through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act and serving as Arlington's Community advocate lawyer, will be at the Jarvis House, 50 Pleasant st., on the following dates for free individual legal consultation:

January 7th from 10 a.m. - noon.

January 21st from 10 a.m. - noon.

Mr. Robinson will try to answer legal questions on a first-come-first-serve, no appointment necessary basis.

**January Trip Schedule**

The School bus will be used on the following dates to take elders to the Burlington Mall. Call the Council on Aging (Town Hall X358) for a reservation.

January 8th 1:15-3:45

January 22nd 1:15-3:45

Reservations to either of these two trips will be accepted by phone starting December

30th. The bus leaves from the Jarvis House, 50 Pleasant st.

## For Men Only Afternoon

Jarvis House's For Men Only Afternoons are being expanded this month to include two afternoons of coffee and refreshments, games and cards and friendly chats.

The men will get together at the Jarvis House on Jan. 8th from 2-4 p.m.

## Senior Citizen Matinee

On January 7th at 2 p.m., the Regent Theatre on Medford st. will be presenting special senior citizen matinee "Day of the Dolphin" will be the feature. George C. Scott is the star in the movie about using Dolphins for espionage purposes. The special matinee price will be 75 cents per person. This movie is open to all Arlington seniors.

## Health Counseling

January 3 1:00-3:00 Health Counseling.

January 7 11:00-12:00 Health Counseling.

January 8 9:30-11:00 Health Counseling.

Winslow Towers

## Week Of Jan. 6

## Second Month Of Paper Recycling To Begin

Residents may put out magazines and papers to be picked up by the Public Works Dept. during the week of January 6.

This marks the second month of the recycling of papers and magazines, and is the third phase of a four-part recycling program which is either underway or will start within the next year.

Paper and magazines may be saved during the month and will be picked up on the regular rubbish collection day of the first week of each month.

The bundles should be tied securely and placed at the curbing with the regular rubbish.

During any week the Public Works Dept. will pick up large lots of paper and magazines on regular collection days provided there has

been 24 hour advance notice before the regular collection day.

All papers and magazines from public buildings will be collected separately from regular rubbish.

Earlier Administrative Assistant of the Public Works Dept. John Bowler had pointed out that this once a month paper collection is not in competition with the Paper For Parks Program.

Under the latter program, residents may bring their bundles of paper to the town yard, 24 hours a day on a seven days a week basis. The proceeds of this will go to the Papers For Parks Program.

Another phase of the overall program was completed in late November with the picking up of leaves. These leaves were picked up by the Public Works Dept. throughout the Town and deposited at compost areas at Reservoir

Field and Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

After a year and a half the finished compost will yield a rich soil which makes an excellent loam.

Residents have been urged to make their own back yard composts.

A third phase of the program is the recycling of all metal and aluminum cans. All cans, steel, tin and aluminum, can be taken to the town yard 24 hours per day seven days per week with the proceeds going to the general fund to help reduce the tax rate.

Residents are urged to wash the cans free of food, remove both ends when possible, remove any paper labels and flatten the cans to save space.

The fourth part of the recycling program is for glass, is scheduled for fiscal year 1976 and is contingent upon space being made available at the town yard.

## Puppet Club Plans Three Plays Here

The Robbins Library puppet club will present three plays on Jan. 11 in the Junior Library of the main Robbins Library. There will be two complete performances.

The puppet club, which consists of boys and girls in grades 4-6, has been meeting weekly since September, and in that time has made puppets, created scenery and props and adapted plays.

The three plays to be presented and the puppeteers performing in them are as follows: "Jack and the Beanstalk," performed by Aadil Siddiqui, Lisa Carroll, Hilary Cannon, Neil Weatherbee and Diane Cumming; "Suppleton," performed by Tracy Wright, Christine Beatty, Julie Kenney and Neil Weatherbee; and "The Loch Ness Monster," performed by Susan Caterino, Diane Cumming and Carol Enoch.

The show is free, but admission is by ticket only. Tickets may be obtained in the children's rooms of the main library or either of the two branch libraries.

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by Bill Toppi

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# Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 2, 1975

## Collins' Corner

by Leonard Collins



At a testimonial dinner in Washington years back honoring General Robert Wood, Board Chairman of Sears Roebuck & Co. as the merchandise man of the year, Mr. Wood said "We should once a year sit down and take stock of ourselves, our country, and our various activities and find out where we've been and where we are going." So as tomorrow is a new year in our lives it might be wise to look back over the year 1974 and figure our great losses.

The biggest loss to the nation was the losing of our President and Vice President, and the loss of confidence in our public officials, and the losing of face throughout the world. Another loss that voters received was the fact that they were unable to elect a new President and Vice President, as provided by our democratic form of government. It's a guess our founding Fathers never figured this could happen, but happen it did. Those two events were our big losses.

Locally the terrible condition in the city of culture, Boston, cost thousands of students a peaceful educational set-up. Vandalism has cost millions of dollars, and the losses may run much higher if not curtailed. This has been the number one tragedy hereabouts. Inflation, and the debts in many cities and towns have given tax payers the creeps. Locally the big loss in our town was the hockey defeat by South Boston after building up a five goal lead. That was a shocker, and thus went our chance for the championship.

And came the fall, and our Red Sox went west with a comfortable seven game lead and folks were getting ready to make reservations for the World Series, but something happened between Fenway Park and that road trip, and the applications for a series were cancelled. And our Bruins who came right down to the wire, and had the town in a frenzy, and the boys from the city of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, sent us home a loser. And only last month came the collapse of fans high hopes for the New England Patriots, who were off and running around the first turn, and the back stretch, but entering into the home stretch faded, and so rosters all over the district are saying about the Bruins, Red Sox, and Patriots, wait until next year. At least the Bruins are still alive, and that next year will start tomorrow.

And only last week we citizens of Arlington lost our Police Chief and Fire Chief, and that is a tradition that has been with us for 10 these many years. The Fire Department didn't go on Civil Service until 1934, and up until then the Fire Chief had the right to hire and fire, and the Selectmen had no say, even in promotions. And he did hire, and he did fire, and he did promote, and told the Selectmen after the action was completed.

When Civil Service arrived he still had some power, but was obliged to adhere to Civil Service rules and go by their lists. Going back 100 years, we have had five Police Chiefs, namely John Hartwell, Thomas O. D. Urquart, Archibald Bullock, Albert Ryan and Ferdinand Lucarelli. At the Fire Headquarters we find in that period eight Chiefs — Chief Hobbs, Charles Gott, Walter Peirce, Daniel Tierney, Richard Tierney, Thomas Egan, John Canniff and Robert Blomquist. Over the years the Town has grown so it is assumed the powers to be felt it was time to consolidate the two most important departments in Arlington, and place them in charge of one man.

So above we see a few losses during 1974, not counting the Stock Market, or the time lost by thousands who stood in line waiting for a chance to buy gasoline. Much money was lost at our theaters by lost patronage for folks afraid to go to evening performances. One shining light was the Boston Celtics who were crowned champions of the basketball world. But tomorrow is a new day and year, and as time is the greatest healer, be thankful we have no wars now being fought, without the heartaches of families all over the Nation. So keep the chin up and if you have your Health you are rich indeed.

Happy New Year, and there is a poem that ends 'Even this will pass away.'

## Town Clerk's Bulletin Board

The Massachusetts Open-Meeting laws say that notice of meetings of all boards, which include every committee, commission and subcommittee, however elected, appointed or constituted, shall be filed with the clerk in the town and shall be posted in the clerk's office at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The following meetings were posted this past Tuesday.

Jan. 6, 7:15 p.m., Selectmen, Town Hall.

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## Christmas

A mantle of white was spread across Menotomy Rocks Park Christmas Day. Arlington woke Dec. 25 to a surprise storm which dropped four to five inches of snow on area.

(Staff Photo by Larry Barton)

## Complex Problem

TO THE EDITOR:

Arlington citizens have faced many complex problems over the years and have worked at a solution that would be equitable to all of us. One problem we have been working on is to provide quality education for our children by improving our schools. In the near future, we will have updated both junior high schools and built a new high school. We will continue to demand the finest teaching staff available. We will face up to the necessity of special educational needs of our youth with physical or mental limitations. We will fight and demand that economy in town government be practiced at all times.

We must become alert to the dangers that can be forced on us by Boston's efforts at this critical time to embroil the suburbs in their burdens. If Melco, is indeed allowed to exist, let us make sure that its expansion is limited to its present form. Each town and city in our country has, through the Constitution, the right to control its own school system.

We must halt the encroachment of Massachusetts and Boston politicians on our affairs. We must do all that we can through the highest courts to slow the power of our judges that has become so dangerous. How can a Supreme Court ruling in the Detroit case be ignored in this Commonwealth?

To you, the tax payer, the politicians and judges are showing an arrogance that is near unbelievable.

They would consolidate all cities and towns. They would be the destroyers of an educational system that for so long a period of time has proven so effective. They mouth of the tax relief that would be coming back to the participating city or town without the caution of reminding them that taxes are raised from each one of us to provide such relief.

Let Boston work as hard on solving their problems as we work on solving our problems and let's get the job done. Let them stop their crying and realize that our dollars are lessening in value as theirs is, that our property tax base is already spread too far as theirs is, our other fiscal problems are every bit as devastating as theirs. But, their determination to operate their schools must match our determination to continue local control over the operation of our schools.

Henry V. McNulty  
Town Meeting Member  
Precinct 21  
106 Alpine St.

## Bread & Butter

In this weekly editorial page feature readers are invited to share with others tips on fighting inflation. Suggestions are invited in writing or by phone, names do not have to be given.

The Federal Energy Administration advises consumers who are considering changing oil suppliers to follow the following guidelines:

Check liabilities of the new supplier; find out if the new supplier has adequate product for the winter; request a contract from the new supplier so that adequate supply is assured even in crisis conditions.

Sec. 211.12(f) of the Federal Energy Regulations requires suppliers to maintain this relationship. Questions and complaints about supplier-consumer agreements for home heating oil should be directed to the Mass. Energy Police Office, 294 Washington St., Boston, 02108.

Other publications for consumers available from the Federal Energy Administration, Office of Communications and Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., 20461, include "Tips for Energy Savers" which gives suggestions for hot weather, cold weather, year-round, kitchen, laundry, bath, living spaces, workshop, yard and garden, home planning and driving.

Also, fact sheets on coal, nuclear power, deepwater ports, solar energy, oil shale and agricultural fuel problems.

The Middlesex-Cambridge Lung Assn., 37 Winn St., Burlington, invites membership by people interested in fighting air pollution and advises that heating bills can be reduced by 30 percent if weather stripping is put around doors and windows. Each thermostat degree above 65 requires 3 percent more energy.

## Forget Labels

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in reply to your article of Dec. 19 entitled "A Day in the Life." The people who voiced their opinions were prejudiced insecure people, but I also thought it was a foolish article because of certain statements made.

First, it is bad enough to have all this "jocks," "rats," conflict floating around the high school, without bringing it out and publicizing it in the town paper. I should think that people would want to discourage this kind of thinking, not encourage it.

It is a put down to those in the high school who consider themselves neither "jocks" nor "rats." It is also a put down to the people who do classify themselves, only "they" don't realize it.

Second, generalizing about people in itself is a bad habit to have. It is this kind of immature thinking that has brought trouble in South Boston. The only way these people can be justly characterized is as sheep. They are insecure people who need something to cling to and follow, such as their "clique."

There are a lot of good people in our high school who do not fall into any category, quite a few more than thirty percent as stated by Paul Bianchi.

If people would just forget the labels and look at others for what they really are, we might be able to begin to come together as a high school instead of two separate "cliques."

Sincerely,  
Martha A. Quigley

## Holiday At Home

TO THE EDITOR:

The Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home welcomed the holiday season with many activities. The residents as well as the staff wish to thank the following churches, schools and friends who volunteered their time, talents and gifts.

Jordan Marsh Christmas Caravan, R.S.V.P. Tea for community service, Hardy School PTA, Tempo II-a musical group from the Belmont School Dept., gifts and Christmas program from the Fernald School and St. Eulalia's "special children," a Christmas Mass from Msgr. George S. Brennan of Regina Cleri House and Communion service from Rev. Kelly Barge of Park Ave. Congregational Church.

Also, gifts from Morgan Memorial, Christmas carols from Arlington Junior Catholic Daughters and Arlington Hgts. Methodist Church and Calvary Church, individual floral arrangements for each resident from Arlington Hgts. Baptist Church, and air refreshers donated by Bob Shaw of Arlington.

To all our adult and junior volunteers, a sincere thank you in appreciation for the pleasure you have given our residents. You, above all, have our deepest gratitude.

Very truly yours,  
Mary T. Dillon  
Phyllis S. Snowdon  
Activities Directors

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to The Editor are welcomed by The Arlington Advocate on any matter of public interest, but they must be limited to 250 words or two typed pages double-spaced. All letters must be signed, but names may be withheld on request.

### Serendipity

TO THE EDITOR:

On 10 December 1974 education in Arlington received a tragic death blow owing to the School Committee's decision to close the Central and Spy Pond Satellite schools.

The term serendipity best describes the whole situation—it means accidentally discovering something a lot better than what you were looking for. Originally the satellite schools were created to relieve the loading in the Junior High East and West while they were being remodeled and rebuilt. Building costs ran into the millions. Because the satellite schools were shunted out of the mainstream, they developed an educational character wholly of their own.

They found that their facilities were old, impoverished, and unusual. An interesting thing happened. Instead of throwing in the towel and claiming they couldn't teach under these conditions, the teachers pursued the goal of teaching the students with unusual vigor and enthusiasm. In effect the supposedly adverse surroundings spurred them on and challenged them.

The students got turned on to the individual approach to learning. Parents became enthusiastic as they watched their children actually become interested in wanting to learn. The satellite schools became a successful educational gem among the boulders of conventional institutions. No one anticipated this success and everyone on the School Committee, I am sure, felt that once the conventional junior highs were completed with their plush facilities, that everyone would breathe a sigh of relief and quickly abandon the satellite schools and their poor facilities.

But it didn't happen. Why?

I think we can find the answer in man's nature. First, we like our individuality and independence, second we do not relax and take it easy when faced with adversity. Commander Denton said it best as he stepped from the plane onto U.S. soil after 8 years in a North Vietnam prison camp—"Man can live with adversity but he has not learned to cope with affluence." The students and teachers of the satellite schools proved that a better education can be had under challenging conditions rather than an affluent environment.

This fact which we have come to realize only now apparently undermines the original decision of the School Committee to rebuild and remodel the East and West Junior Highs. Our hindsight judgment tells us that the expenditure was wrong. I feel it was correct because it led to a striking discovery in education. (Many Traders thought Columbus' venture was a commercial failure and financial waste for not having found a short route to India.) Briefly, stated, the discovery is that fancy facilities do not enhance education. A corollary discovery may be that the group size of the satellite schools may be optimum with respect to maximizing the ability of students to learn.

Thus the School Committee had to close the satellite schools to justify their prior decision of rebuilding the East and West Junior Highs which involved considerable expenditure and burden to the taxpayers. This was evident at the meeting of Dec. 10 as not one School Committee person raised a single word of criticism of the satellite schools, but in fact praised them.

The School Committee wants to build a new High School which will increase the taxpayer's annual payment to the town. It is now clear to me that the obvious success of the satellite schools was a visible threat to their selling the public on the need for a new high school.

We taxpayers could point to the satellites and say that excellent education is provided by motivated teachers and enthusiastic students and not by new buildings and fancy facilities. I am convinced that the School Committee is primarily concerned with building facilities and not with the true quality of education. They are so obsessed by school buildings that I sincerely believe they have an edifice complex.

The profound lesson in education dynamics at the Junior High level learned from the satellite schools suggests we may be near an educational breakthrough in teaching. For example the large modern homogenized school buildings may actually deter learning. There certainly is no statistical data from scholastic aptitude tests taken by all students, which prove that new school buildings produce better educated persons.

The success of the independent but poor-satellite concept suggests that better educated persons may evolve from such institutions owing to the desire-to-learn-and-overcome attitude.

It is my sincere hope that the School Committee re-examine their decision on the satellite schools in the light of what is best for educating our children.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas J. Guarino  
20 Old Mystic St.

### Word Of Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank the Arlington Fire Department for the assistance which they rendered to us on Dec. 18th.

Shortly after my husband left for work, the cold water pipe to our water heater ruptured, causing flooding. Not understanding the plumbing system in my house, I called the fire department who responded immediately and shut off the necessary water valves and removed all the water from my basement.

Thanks for a superb job and blessings in the New Year to all.

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Morine  
72 Park Ave. ext.

## Free Form

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## Robbins Library Begins Concert Series For 1975

The Robbins Library Concert Series begins 1975 with a concert of songs and piano music. Dorothy May, mezzo soprano, will sing Gustav Mahler's Kindertotenlieder accompanied by Theodore May, piano.

Tibor Szasz, piano, will play Beethoven's "Appassionata Sonata," Weber's "Invitation to the Dance," and Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody" No. 6 in D flat major.

The musicians will appear in the Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass. ave., Jan. 8 at 8 p.m.



Tibor Szasz

The concert is free and open to the public. Dorothy May received a bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster and a Master's from The New England Conservatory of Music and has had further studies at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Her teachers include Dale Moore, Re Koster, Dorothy Bowen, Elena Fels Noth, and Phyllis Curtin. Mrs. May has appeared in opera oratorio and recitals in the Boston area.

Theodore May received a BA from Lehigh University and an MS from West Virginia University and his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Illinois. At Muskingham College he was an instructor of mathematics and at Pennsylvania State University, a teacher of mathematics and philosophy. A vocal accompanist and organist he has studied composition with Jonathan Elkus and Herbert Brun.

Tibor Szasz, was born in Hungary and has studied piano since he was four years old. When he was eleven, upon winning a local competition, he transferred to the Con-



Dorothy May

servatory of Kolozsvár, where he studied with Elisa Ciolan.

He made his debut with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Kolozsvár at the age of 16. In 1967 he won honorable mention at the George Enesco International Competition and in 1968 won second prize in the International Competition at Sofia and also made his West German recital debut.

Mr. Szasz came to America in 1970 and earned a masters degree and artist diploma from the New England Conservatory of Music. His teachers include Russell Sherman, Theodore Lettvin, Miklos Schwab and Leon Fleisher.

In addition to receiving numerous scholarships Mr. Szasz has given 20 performances with European and American Orchestras, including the Boston Pops, and has made 100 solo appearances. Among the competitions Mr. Szasz has won are the 4th International Piano Competition of the University of Maryland and the Arlington Philharmonic Young Artists Competition.

Fish helped an Arlington resident find a driver so that she could visit her doctor. To be a volunteer or for help call Fish, 646-6008.

## Selectmen Approve Licenses For The Coming Year

The Board of Selectmen have approved a number of licenses for the coming year.

Applications for the renewal of automobile agents or seller licenses have been approved as follows: Alewife Motors Inc., 19 and 25 Sunapee Road and 15 Mass. ave., Arlington Buick Co. Inc., 835 Mass. ave., Everyman, Inc. d-b-a AMS-Arlington Motor Sports, 1098 Mass. ave., Arlington Sales, Inc., 291-295 Broadway and 1 Broadway, Arrow Pontiac, Inc., 21-39, R29, and R25 Mass. ave., Automotive Truck Center, Inc., 22 Sunnyside ave., LeBer Bros. Lincoln Mercury Sales Inc., 954-956 Mass. ave., Milla's Automotive Sports Center, 874-960 Mass. ave., Mirak Chevrolet Inc., 424-430 and R440 Mass. ave. and 75 Summer st., Connor Motors Inc., 22 Mass. ave., and Time Oldsmobile Inc., 745 Mass. ave.

The applications of Frank D'Arrigo, 42 Lowell st. and Joseph Palmer, 712 Summer st., for the renewal of used-car dealer's licenses were also approved by the Selectmen.

The following applications for the renewal of licenses to operate hackney carriages were approved: Arlington Cab Co. Inc., c-o David I. Walsh, 71 Appleton st., Arlington Center Taxi Co. Inc., c-o Joseph A. Bruno, Jr., 34 Dudley st., Arlington Heights Taxicab Service, Inc., c-o Edward F. Walsh, 15 Daniels st., C&O Cab Inc., c-o Joseph A. Bruno, Jr., 34 Dudley st., Dewey's Cab Inc., c-o Joseph A. Bruno, Jr., 34 Dudley st., and William Guanci, 228 Mystic Valley Parkway.

Selectmen have approved applications for Lord's Day licenses to exhibit motion pictures to B and A Enterprises, Capital Theatre, 204

Mass. ave. and to Regent Theatre, Inc., 7 Medford st.

Applications for the renewal of common victualler's licenses were approved as follows: George P. Andreou, 731 Mass. ave., Arlington Public Market, Inc., d-b-a One or Two Things 1042 Mass. ave., Baskin-Robbins, c-o Theodore T. Tsui, 305 Broadway, Alfred Bevilacqua, 1341 Mass. ave., Homer R. Roissoneault, 10 Medford st., Brigham's, 473 and 1328 Mass. ave. and R30 Mill st., Center Sub Shop, 489 Mass. ave., Yuk Yum Chan, d-b-a Kim Wah, 453 Mass. ave., Charlie's Donuts, Inc., 1360 Mass. ave., Nicola Della Cioppa, 1215 Mass. ave., Charles Dinis, 297 Mass. ave., d-b-a Arlington House of Pizza Alexander Elia, 164B Mass. ave., and Friendly Ice Cream Inc., 109 Broadway.

Also Jimmy's Steerhouse Inc., 1111 Mass.

ave., Ken's Place, Inc., 478 Mass. ave.; Kentucky Fried Chicken of Arlington, Inc., 101 Broadway, Nicola I. Lupo, 890 Mass. ave., Ralph J. Marasa, 161 Mass. ave., Martin S. Murphy, Jr., 21 Summer st., Harry E. Jr. & Maureen M. Nelson, 117 Broadway, Stergios T. Papadopoulos, 968 Mass. ave., Anargeros C. & John C. Pappas, 173 Mass. ave. (Olympic Pizza House) Ma & Pa Perkins, Inc., 1315 Mass. ave., Pewter Pot Muffin House, Inc., 452 Mass. ave., Monica Piacentini, 208 Mass. ave., Dominic F. Prestijohn, 138 Mass. ave., d-b-a Lori's Deli John C. Ranauro, 352A Mass. ave., Charles J. Sorrentino, 1323 Mass. ave., George Sotiriadis, 1395 Mass. ave., Michael A. Valerio, 457 Mass. ave., Winchester Country Club, 468 Mystic st., Ag Kning Wang, d-b-a Shanghai Village Restaurant, 434 Mass. ave., and Zanazanian Enterprises, Inc., d-b-a Italian Chef, 242 Mass. ave.

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Carol L. Crocker

## Carol L. Crocker Is Engaged To Owen B. Hayward

Mrs. Dorothy M. Crocker announced the engagement of her daughter, Carol Lorraine of Foster City, Calif., to Owen Barry Hayward.

Also the daughter of the late Charles R. Crocker, Miss Crocker is a graduate of Mt. Auburn Hospital School of Nursing and is employed as a nurse practitioner in the San Francisco area. She served four years in the Air Force Nurse Corps before moving to California in 1972.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Hayward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen H. Hayward of Kentfield, Calif. He attended St. Mary's College and is a graduate of San Francisco State University.

The couple plans to be married in Portola Valley, Calif. on May 17 and make their home in the San Francisco area.



Ens. and Mrs. Steven G. Hilferty

## Barbara Kaminski Weds Ensign Steven G. Hilferty

Harkness Chapel at Connecticut College, New London, was the setting for the June 8 marriage of Barbara Jean Kaminski to Ensign Steven G. Hilferty.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kaminski of Baltic, Conn. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Hilferty of Arlington. Rev. Leo J. Krah of Lenox performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a total look empire gown of organza with peau d'ange lace highlights on the collar, bodice, bishop sleeves and hem, all trimmed with Venice lace. A lace covered Camelot cap held her lace bordered cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and rosebuds.

Mrs. Dorothy K. Richards of Canterbury, Conn., was matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Joanne Hilferty of Princeton, N.J., sister of the bridegroom; Kathy O'Brien of Canterbury, Conn.; Betty Jedzinski of Pachaug, Conn.; Arlene Sibicky of Griswold, Conn., all cousins of the bride; Pamela H. Giraitis of Harrisville, R.I.

Ens. David M. Giraitis of East Providence, R.I., was best man. Ushers were Curtis L. Richards of Canterbury, Conn. and Ens. David Courtois of Milwaukee. Sword bearers were Ens. Frank Halstead of Rochester, Ens. Robert Porter of Atlanta, Ens. Jeff Hathaway of Long Beach, Calif., Ens. Marc Jorgensen of Seattle and Ens. Robert F. Wilson of Cape May, N.J.

The bridegroom's brother Bryan Hilferty helped serve the mass. The reception was held at the Holiday Inn, New London. On their wedding trip the couple traveled across the northern United States and spent a week in Nantucket. They are making their home in Honolulu.

Mrs. Hilferty graduated from Norwich Free Academy and from Connecticut College cum laude with a BA degree with distinction in American studies. Her husband graduated from Arlington High School and was recently commissioned with the Class of 1974 of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he received his BS in ocean engineering.

## Tower Mothers Hold A Christmas Party

The Tower Mother's Club recently held their annual Christmas party in the home of Jan Cusack. Gifts for children and a dinner were given to a deserving family for the holiday season.

Some gifts were also given to the Fernald School, as well as a hand knitted lap robe, made by members of the club, for one of the local nursing homes.

Co-hostesses were Mary Goodhue, Margaretha Jacobsen, Ruth Murray, Annette Scott, Mary Riggazio, Mildred Sherburne and Jan Cusack.

## Silent Auction

A Silent Auction of the Women's Club of the Park Ave. Congregational Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Lincoln, 23 Linden St. on Jan. 7, 1:30 p.m. The hostesses will be Frances Lincoln and Winifred Thoren. Members and friends are invited.

**MARRIED** - Karen Hope Cremens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cremens Sr. of Arlington, became the bride of Peter D. Retkevics of Nashua, N.H., on Sept. 28, at St. Eulalia's Church, Winchester. The ceremony was

performed by Rt. Rev. Joseph W. Lyons. A reception followed at the Sheraton Commander Hotel in Cambridge. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Susan Ellen Cremens. Mrs. Iris Woods of Hudson, N.H., and Mrs. David Reid of Arlington were bridesmaids. Diane Reid was junior bridesmaid. E. Graham Clark of Nashua was best man and ushers were Charles Cremens Jr. of Arlington and Charles Asselin of Amherst, N.H. Following an auto trip through eastern Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Retkevics will reside in Nashua. The bride has been teaching in Hudson, N.H., where her husband is owner and president of Hudson Plating Company, Inc.

## Bergstrom Birth

Kim Marie Bergstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Bergstrom III of Somerville, was born at the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham on Dec. 21. Kim's grandparents are Mrs. Helen Botelho of Medford and Erick W. Bergstrom Jr. of 18 Swan Place in Arlington.

## Azar Baby

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Azar of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Kristin Alison, on Dec. 11 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Azar of Hampton, N.H., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Suffey of Arlington.



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Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Zammuto

## Geraldine Leman Becomes Bride Of Walter Zammuto

Geraldine Leman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Leman of Cambridge, became the bride of Walter L. Zammuto, son of Mrs. Mabel Zammuto of 66 Fairmont st., on Sept. 28.

The candlelight wedding was held at Notre Dame Church with Fr. Grisipino officiating.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an organza gown and lace veil and carried a bouquet of red and white roses with yellow and white daisies.

Beverly Gagliardi of Cambridge, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Moran of Somerville, Brenda Cronin of Arlington and Carol Leman of Milton.

The honor attendant wore hot pink and the bridesmaids turquoise hooded gowns with pink and white and blue and white daisies. Kerilee Leman was flower girl.

Stephen Zammuto of 65 Fairmont st. was his brother's best man. Ushers were Al Zammuto of 65 Fairmont st., Errol Zammuto of 65 Fairmont st. and Jerry Leman of Cambridge.

The reception was held at Logan Post 6800, Somerville. The couple honeymooned in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and now make their home in Cambridge.

Mrs. Zammuto is a nurses' attendant at Cambridge Infirmary. Her husband is a mail carrier for the Belmont Post Office.



Patricia Ann Hogan

## Patricia Hogan, Patrick Egan Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hogan of 19 Ivy circ. announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann to Patrick J. Egan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Egan of 2 Yale road.

Miss Hogan attended Arlington Catholic High School, graduated from Boston State College and is an elementary teacher in the Arlington public schools.

Her fiancé attended Arlington High School and St. Mary's College, Kansas and is employed by Trans World Airlines, Boston.

A Feb. 15 wedding is planned.

## Patricia Oneto, Joseph Horrigan To Wed In June

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oneto of 15 Lanark rd. announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Anne to Joseph Graham Horrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horrigan of Holliston.

Miss Oneto attended Arlington High School, Mass. Bay Community College and Dance Teachers Club of Boston. Her fiancé attended Holliston High School and Mass. Bay Community College.

A June wedding is planned.



Patricia Anne Oneto

## Symmes Machine To Speed Testing Of Blood Counts

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## Debra O. Cooper, Lt. Edmund Cowan Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Cooper, Sr. of Columbia, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Onelia, to Lt. Edmund Scott Cowan, United States Army. Lt. Cowan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Cowan of 96 Kenilworth rd.

Miss Cooper is a junior at The College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C., where she is a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Lt. Cowan is a 1974 graduate of The Citadel, Charleston, S.C., and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta. He recently graduated from Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky., and will be stationed in Germany. Their wedding is planned for Jan. 11 in Columbia, S.C.

## Martha Largenton, Donald P. Gill Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Largenton of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Jane, to Donald P. Gill, son of Mrs. Annette F. Gill of Medford.

Miss Largenton is a graduate of Arlington High School and is employed by Kemper Insurance Co. in Arlington. Her fiancé graduated from Arlington Catholic High School and is a senior at Lowell Technological Institute.

An October wedding is planned.



Martha J. Largenton

## Cimeno Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cimeno Jr. of 88 Eastern ave. announce the birth of their second child, first daughter, Cheryl, Dec. 4th at the Boston Hospital for Women. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kearns of 159 Highland ave. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cimeno of Belmont.

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### Surprise Storm Drops Four-Five Inches Of Snow

Arlington residents woke up Christmas morning to a post card setting of wet snow which clung to everything on which it fell.

The storm, a surprise to everyone including most weather forecasters, started in the early pre-dawn hours and continued throughout the day, ending with snow flurries during a cold, crisp Christmas night.

The full moon of early Christmas eve was veiled by a high cloud cover of the haze variety, and then gave way to a thick overcast after midnight.

The snowfall was the first which appeared on Christmas day since 1970, and was the heaviest ever recorded on Christmas day in Boston.

The total accumulation varied as usual throughout Arlington with the heaviest fall in the higher areas where an estimated five

inches fell.

Nearly four inches fell in the area of East Arlington near the Cambridge and Somerville lines.

Temporary Director of Public Works Warren O'Leary praised the men of the Public Works Dept. for the fast manner in which they responded to combat the storm.

O'Leary said that sanders were out on the streets during the early hours of the storm about 8 p.m. to combat the little skim of ice which had formed on the road surface.

Ten sanders in all were called on to cover the town.

As the snow became heavier during the morning hours of Christmas day, town plows, 38 in number and 12 hired plows started work keeping the roads clear.

Work continued into Thursday where corners and slippery spots were cleared up.

## Mutual Aid

### 'Metrofire' Program To Start In Arlington

Arlington will soon be joining 24 other local cities and towns in an effort to provide mutual aid during major fires and emergencies. Under a program called 'Metrofire I,' the system will allow for Arlington to call any other local fire department immediately when in need of extra apparatus during a fire emergency.

Presently, when a community needs help during a fire emergency, the fire chief calls the Newton Fire Control which is a center fire system for the greater Boston area. Operations at that control radio other departments to determine what types of equipment various departments can send to a fire.

The problem with this system is that during a fire emergency a chief may have no idea of the number of pieces of equipment he will be getting, or when it will arrive.

Under Metrofire, the Newton Control will know at all times what types of fire apparatus are available. It will be a quicker, more efficient plan for fighting major fires, according to its developers, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and local fire chiefs in the greater Boston area.

Director of Community Safety Robert Blomquist told The Advocate last week that the program is expected to be initiated in Arlington "within the next two years." Blomquist said that the program "will upgrade our present mutual aid system to refine it and keep it with the times."

It is expected that the first phase of the program will begin within the next two months.

The new program calls for the establishment of an expanded regional fire center for greater Boston that will be responsible for monitoring and supervising all mutual aid fire assistance required by local fire departments beyond their normal pre-planned response.

Although the program has met tremendous positive support from many sources, the Metrofire system does have a few obstacles ahead.

The Mass. Fire Chief's Association is greatly concerned because state law makes no mandatory provision for reimbursement of losses or expenses occasioned by injuries to personnel or destruction to equipment in mutual aid operations. There have been cases in past years where such damage did occur and local communities were not reimbursed. The Association plans to introduce legislation in this area immediately.

The concept of mutual aid during fire emergencies is not new or innovative but the

need for more modern communication among the fire departments is warranted, according to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

In 1872, the response to the great Boston fire and again in 1908 as a result of the first Chelsea fire, the number of communities participating in the mutual aid system has greatly expanded.

Most people will remember the major Chelsea fire over a year ago when fire departments from all over eastern Massachusetts aided the burning city. At that time the mutual aid system under the Newton Force was a major asset to the Chelsea fire department.

The new Metrofire system is funded by a \$200,000 grant from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development as well as \$100,000 from participating fire departments.

### Radios And Tools Taken In Thefts

A tape cassette was taken from a car at 1155 Mass. ave., Dec. 20, while a day later mechanics tools were taken from 175 Jason st.

On Dec. 21 a stereo-radio was taken from 12 Colonial Village dr., while a post light was stolen from 41 Hawthorne.

Tools and boating equipment were taken from a car 12 Colonial Village dr., Dec. 21, while a radio was stolen from 132 Gardner st. the same day.

On Dec. 22 a car was stolen from 18 Webster st. and a number of items were taken from 18 Sheraton Park on the same day. A replica of Frosty the Snowman was taken from 146 Wachusett ave.

Also on Dec. 22 a car was taken from in front of 83 Orvis rd. and a radio and a sum of money taken from 59 Exeter st.

Rooms were ransacked at the Locke School Dec. 23 and two tires taken from a car parked at 1 Broadway.

The Central School was entered Dec. 23 and the principal's office ransacked and an amount of money taken.

A car was stolen from 20 Belknap st. Dec. 24, while gas was siphoned from a car at 93 Broadway, Dec. 26. A stereo was taken from a car on the same day at 43 Highland ave. and a mini-bike was stolen from a garage at 9 Quincy st., also on Dec. 26.

### Pee Wee AAA Team Rallies For Third

The Arlington Pee Wee AA hockey team improved its Greater Boston League record to 4 and 3 with a 5-3 victory over Wellesley, Dec. 21.

The Arlington entry trailed 2-0 and later 3-1 early in the contest, but fought back to score four unanswered goals for the victory.

The tying goal in the second period was scored by Don Cronin, his second, and the winning marker, also in the second period, by Paul Donato.

Tim Geary scored an unassisted third period insurance goal. Arlington's first marker was scored by Peter Colgan. Assists went to Tim Geary, Paul Donato, Tim O'Connor and Gaar Talanian.

The win was the third straight in league competition for the Arlington team after victories over Dedham and Norwood.

Joe Hanafin and Ed McDonald played outstanding games in the Arlington net, while defensemen Greg Farmer, Gaar Talanian, Mark Capolupo, Peter Bryant and Paul Carroll played probably their best games on the season on defense.

Leo Lanzillo played a strong game at wing on the line with Geary and Colgan.

The third "mighty-mite" line of Greg Cronin, Dan Burke and Dan Kelley was effective in checking Wellesley throughout the contest.

The Pee Wee AA game on Dec. 28 is at the Boston University Rink at 12:30 p.m. with Belmont providing the opposition.

On Jan. 2, the team will travel to St. John, New Brunswick for the Annual Christmas Tournament, sponsored by the St. John Recreation Department.

Newspapers may be taken to the Town Yard dumpster at any time. Proceeds will be used to buy park equipment by the Paper For Parks committee.

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## Summer Visit

## Japanese Youth Exchange Names Leaders

James R. Skahan, Jr., vice president of the Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program, Inc., has announced the names of the leaders of the 1975 delegation from Arlington to Japan.

Richard E. Smith, president of the corporation, will be making his second trip to Japan as delegation head. Virginia M. Hutchinson, also a repeater from this past summer, and Catherine Lutter, a newcomer to the corporation, will be delegation leaders.

The corporation has almost completed the selection of delegation members and will be announcing their names shortly. Nancy Solomon, chairperson of the selection committee, says that applications can still be accepted, but only if received within the next week or so. Information can be obtained by writing to Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program, Inc., P. O. Box 2, Arlington, MA 02174, Attn: Selection Committee, or by contacting any selection committee member. Selection committee members are Jane Foley, Virginia Hutchinson, Virginia Mooney, Jane Pike, Connie Skahan, Lillian Sonnenberg, Bonnie Walsh, Maribeth Walsh, Daniel Wolf, and chairperson Nancy Solomon.

Although the work of Ms. Solomon's committee is almost at an end for the current year's sending program, the work of the corporation's Orientation Committee, chaired by Martha O. Campbell, is just beginning, and the work of the Travel and Itinerary Committee, chaired by Warren Dannenberg, is about to enter a new phase.

The Orientation Committee has planned a comprehensive series of programs about Japan, its people, its culture, customs, and history. Many of the topics covered in the program for the 1974 delegation will be expanded, and a limited amount of Japanese

language training will be introduced.

Members of the Orientation Committee, in addition to Ms. Campbell, are Arthur Bush, Peggy Bush, Jeannine Cote, Joan Cote, Joanne Krepelka, Luanne Lamphier, Marc Lamphier, Gail McConnell, Mary Ellen Walsh, and Deborah Warshafsky. The Travel & Itinerary Committee will shortly be making its final recommendation as to flight plans. It will soon be occupied with planning the itinerary within Japan, and will assist delegation members in preparing for the trip. Members of the Travel & Orientation Committee, in addition to Warren Dannenberg, are Mary Carey, Sally Casper, Steven Cote, Gail Gramolini, Julianne Kelly, Ruby MacDonald, Kathy Salipante, Margaret Spengler, Ann Smith, and Martin Warshafsky.

Operating behind the scenes are members of the Public Relations Committee, chaired by Nancy Shallow, and the Finance Committee, chaired by James Brogdon. The other members of Ms. Shallow's committee are Robert Anese, Peg Donnelly, Kathryn Elliott, Janet Pagliuca, Rita Skinner, Edmund Storlazzi, and Jacqueline Keshian. Brogdon's Finance Committee includes Neal Boyle, Stephanie Cormier, John Donnelly, Janemarie Hillier, Harry McCabe, Ann Pagliuca, Daniel Walsh, and Robert Walsh, Jr. The newly-selected Delegation leaders have all had extensive experience in traveling or living abroad.

Virginia Hutchinson, a delegation leader, is a math teacher at Woburn High School, and formerly a teacher and department chairman at Arlington High School. She received her undergraduate degree from Simmons College in Boston, and her graduate degree from Boston University. She taught Department of Defense dependents for two years in

Hokkaido, Japan, and in Frankfurt, Germany. She has traveled widely in Europe, including the Soviet Union and in the Far East.

Catherine Lutter is an English teacher and department chairman at Keith Hall in Lowell. She received her undergraduate degree from Yale College in 1971, graduating with honors, and her Master Degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1972. She has spent several months traveling in Europe — Greece, Austria, Italy, England, France, Switzerland, Denmark, and Norway — and in British Honduras.

Richard Smith is an officer in the Stock Transfer Division of The First National Bank of Boston, and previously was an officer in the various corporations which make up the New England Gas & Electric System. He is also an attorney, having received his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1961. He served with the US Army in Europe for 5½ years in 1949-1953, and 1955-1956, making numerous trips throughout Europe. He has been to Haiti twice, spending almost a month

there, and to other Caribbean countries.

Smith has been a Town Meeting member for approximately 10 years, and is present chairman of Precinct 17. He is a Charter Member, and the first secretary, of the Town Meeting Association and has been Executive Secretary of the Arlington Finance Committee since 1968. He was active for many years in PTA and Boy Scouts, and was recently the local chairman of the Dukakis campaign in this year's gubernatorial race.

## Annual Warrant To Open December 30

The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting will officially open Dec. 30 at 9 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 20.

All articles to be acted on at the Annual Meeting which will begin March 17, must be in the hands of the Board of Selectmen prior to the final day and hour.

## Robbins Flicks Continue Friday

"Flicks for a Friday Evening," the family film program sponsored by the Robbins Library will continue at the Edith M. Fox Branch Library, 175 Mass. ave., this week. The showings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge.

The Jan. 3rd program will include "Calf, Bill And Fred." A friendship between a man, a dog and a duck dissolves when the man inherits a fortune. An amusing fable which concludes that happiness is easier to sell than to buy. 8 min.

"Boston Art Of The City." Film makers James Herzog and Yale Marchave interpreted the cultural and artistic life of the city through the people who participate in and enjoy it. 16 min.

"Geronimo Jones." Shows the relationship of an old Indian and his grandson and the conflict between generation and cultures in today's society. 21 min.

## 'America' Series Scheduled Friday

The twelfth chapter of Alistair Cooke's 'America: A Personal History Of The United States' will be shown Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Entitled 'The First Impact' and sponsored by the Robbins Library, the film will be shown in the Edith M. Fox Branch Library, 4 Cleveland St., at 176 Mass. ave. The series is open to the public free of charge.

'The First Impact' is a record of one immigrant's sojourn here, a revealing look at how we first appeared to an outsider. "A personal interlude," says Cooke, "a memoir of how I came to America and the people, places, institutions that I admired enough to make me want to stay, from the New England Fall and New Orleans jazz to the Mayo Clinic, San Francisco and H. L. Mencken."

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## What Made Helen Run?

By Ruth-Elle Flax

The point of Helen Metros' campaign for state senator was not necessarily to win.

And with another election approaching it might be appropriate to note that she is proud she "got over 5,000 votes for \$49 and I was indebted to nobody."

She considered her campaign a protest. "In 10 years we (taxpayers) have not received anything in the form of a tax break or fuel adjustment. I felt as a housewife and mother that I had to get out and do something."

Mrs. Metros, an Arlington independent, spent \$49.22 on her campaign. Most of it went for an out-of-town newspaper announcement. Some was used for the sign on top of her car.

She laughs as she explains that the last \$5 was for shoestrings which she handed out as a symbol of her "shoestring campaign."

Determined not to "owe anything to anybody, not to accept anything," the only contributions Mrs. Metros received were several hundred bumper stickers from her husband and sister-in-law as an anniversary gift, and about 100 posters from her daughter Emily as a birthday present.

With no headquarters, no workers and no pamphlets Mrs. Metros received 5,392 votes. "It just shows it can be done."

Mrs. Metros is a lover of life and people, unaffected, with an engaging smile, she says. "I had so much to say. I felt so much, but I just couldn't express myself."

With her blond hair and bubbly nature, Mrs. Metros does not look old enough to have a 19-year-old daughter, Emily, or a 14-year-old son, Charles. Nor does the strain of the campaign appear to have had an effect.

"My mother would get up at 6 so she could clean the house, campaign and be at work by 11:30," reports Emily. Her father adds, "In the mornings before work, at night after work, she would jump in the car and go from house to house to get signatures. Later, even when she had all the signatures she needed, she'd still knock on doors and talk with people."

The rest of the family, anxious to help, attempted to aid Mrs. Metros in acquiring the 600 signatures she needed.

"But," explains husband Ted, "We found out everyone wanted to see her and ask her questions." Emily recalls the time she and her mother were out for half an hour. "She got 35 signatures and I got 10. People wouldn't sign unless they met her."

Emily was "really enthusiastic" about her mother running for state senator. Her brother Charles would voice everyone's silent wishes constantly: "Oh, Ma, I hope you get in!"



But their father had doubts. "I didn't know how she would react to political life. It was her first time involved in that type of atmosphere."

He adds, "But I didn't get in her way. I neither indulged her nor stopped her. She's self-propelling. In her own mind she had to prove that anyone could run if they had the desire to, that you don't need a lot of money."

The first of the three candidates to take out nomination papers, Helen Metros did not

have an easy time in the election.

Between some out-of-town newspapers refusing to print her news releases because she was a "nobody," town clerks putting off certifying her signatures since "you're not important" and being overlooked for candidates' nights, it was discouraging.

Emily Metros puts it succinctly: "My mother's a fighter."

And so she is. When her house was broken into and her nomination papers stolen, she began collecting signatures over again, ending up with 14,000. When threatening telephone calls started to come she refrained from telling her husband for fear it would worry him.

When she was "invited" to withdraw from the race because they said her chances of winning were nil, she said thanks but no thanks.

"I was flattered, though," she admits. "An average housewife paying bills and taxes, with no experience in politics," was considered enough of a threat to warrant a plea for resignation.

"I have had no legislative experience, but I would have worked for the people. I would have itemized everything, put everything up in public."

Regarding the state's budget, she was especially concerned with the amount of money allocated for "Miscellaneous" items.

Although Emily Metros was optimistic about her mother winning because "people seemed hesitant about Bullock and Spector," her mother disagreed. "I knew it would be hard to beat Mr. Bullock and Mr. Spector.

They had everything going for them as far as qualifications."

"If I was in a position where I could have given up my job and donated the whole time to politics I think I could have made it. But that would be going against my principle. I can't see how anyone can take a six-month leave of absence for a \$14,000 job and spend so much money to get elected."

Richer for the experience, Mrs. Metros learned "how the system within the system itself works, the fact that the person who really wants to work for the people will be the guy with holes in his shoes, and about the self-preservation law in politics." But what made her really happy was learning "I wasn't the only one to feel the way I do."

Working at the Oxford Ale House, Cambridge, for 12 years as a bartender, hostess and jack of all trades, Mrs. Metros "Learns what's bugging people. The education you get is absolutely fantastic because you know what's going on in the state."

Twenty years ago, before being employed by the Ale House, Mrs. Metros took two elderly blind persons to the Boston Common where they touched the Nativity scenes and trees and felt more of the joy others feel at Christmas (time than in previous lonely years. "I saw the beauty of life through them."

Ending the day in a Chinese restaurant, she had scant idea this would blossom into a holiday tradition with 150 men and women from ages 62 to 96 dining at the Oxford Ale House.

The clientele and employees of the restaurant also sponsor a picnic for these persons during the summer. But on

Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, it's only Mrs. Metros and her husband Ted who take several persons out for a holiday meal.

It is not a matter of feeling sorry for them, Mrs. Metros hastens to add, "It's just a group of people who love each other and want to be together."

She sponsored benefits for the Children's Hospital respiratory ailment division and a cocktail party to raise money for the North Congregational Church in Cambridge which was devastated by fire. "Where there's a need, I hear about it."

She feels she "set a precedent... now that people realize they don't need all kinds of money, more will become interested in politics."

She may have lost the election, but Helen Metros' eye will be very much on the winners. "If I don't see that they're doing anything for me, I will again step forward and demand why."

"I'll spend \$100 next time to campaign if I see the job is not going right," she warns.

Mrs. Metros is satisfied with her first political experience. "I enjoyed meeting people and being a part of what is happening, not saying it can't be done."

### Golden Age

The next regular meeting of the Arlington Golden Age Club will be held on Jan. 2 at the Pleasant St. Congregational Church at 2 p.m., preceded by a board meeting at 1 p.m. The program will feature a film, "Sam Seagull Presents Cape Cod."

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